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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An odor controlling material comprising, an adsorbent material, said adsorbent material being selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, silicates, natural and synthetic aluminosilicates and mixtures thereof, said adsorbent material being doped with one or more dopants selected from the group consisting of fatty acids and their derivatives, ammonia and salts thereof, amines and salts thereof, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, heterocompounds ~~containing at least one nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen atom selected from the group consisting of heterocyclic compounds containing one or two heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, sulfur, and oxygen, mercapto-compounds, thio-compounds, and other compounds containing at least one sulfur atom per molecule and having a boiling point of up to 170°C at atmospheric pressure, and mixtures thereof;~~ wherein said dopant is present at from 1 to 1000 parts dopant per million parts of said adsorbent material.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) An odour controlling material according to claim 2, wherein the adsorbent material is active silica.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) An odor controlling material according to claim 3, wherein the fatty acids and their derivatives are selected from the group consisting of straight and branched chain fatty acids containing from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and alkali and alkaline earth metal salts and their esters, ammonium salts, and amides thereof, and mixtures thereof.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously presented) An odour controlling material according to claim 1 which has a pH of 7 ± 0.5 .

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9. (Previously presented) An odour controlling material according to claim 1 which comprises at least one dopant which has more than one active group.
10. (Previously presented) A blend of odour control materials comprising two or more odour control materials according to claim 1.
11. (Currently amended) An absorbent article comprising at least one adsorbent material, said material selected from the group consisting of silica, alumina, silicates, natural and synthetic aluminosilicates and mixtures thereof, said material being doped with one or more dopants selected from the group consisting of fatty acids and their derivatives, amines and their salts, ammonia and salts thereof, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, heterocompounds containing at least one nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen atom, and mixtures thereof selected from the group consisting of heterocyclic compounds containing one or two heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, sulfur, and oxygen, mercapto-compounds, thio-compounds, and other compounds containing at least one sulfur atom per molecule and having a boiling point of up to 170°C at atmospheric pressure; wherein said dopant is present at from 1 to 1000 parts dopant per million parts of said adsorbent material.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Previously presented) An absorbent article according to claim 11, wherein the material is active silica.
16. (Previously presented) An absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein the fatty acids and their derivatives are selected from straight and branched chain fatty acids containing from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and alkali and alkaline earth metal salts and their esters, ammonium salts, and amides thereof, and mixtures thereof.
17. (Previously presented) An absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein the amines and their salts are selected from amines having a boiling point of up to 170°C at atmospheric pressure.

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18. (Canceled)
19. (Previously presented) An absorbent article according to claim 11 which has a pH of 7 ± 0.5 .
20. (Previously presented) An absorbent article to claim 11 comprising at least one dopant, the dopant having more than one active group.
21. (Previously presented) An absorbent article according to claim 11 comprising two or more of said materials.
22. (Previously presented) An absorbent article according to claim 11 which is a pantiliner or a sanitary napkin.